

CHAPTER 6

TRIAL COURTS

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CASE PROGRESSION STANDARDS

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Trial or hearing on the merits of a case should be within the following time limits from date of filing:

DISTRICT COURT

Appeals	3 months
Criminal Cases	6 months
Domestic Relations Cases	9 months
Civil Cases-Nonjury	1 year
Civil Cases-Jury	18 months

COUNTY COURT

Misdemeanor and Traffic Offenses-Nonjury	60 days
Misdemeanor and Traffic Offenses-Jury	6 months
Civil Cases	6 months
Preliminary Hearings	As soon as possible but no more than 30 days

§ 6-102. Time for disposition of probate cases.

Final disposition of probate cases should be within 1 year from filing except when a federal estate tax return is required, and in that event 18 months. A longer interval may be approved where deemed necessary because of extraordinary eventualities, such as exceptionally complicated discovery, stabilization or injury in personal injury cases, or settlement of financial affairs in complex cases.

§ 6-103. Time for disposition of juvenile cases.

(A) Notwithstanding any federal or state law providing for a longer period, the juvenile shall not be held in detention for more than 48 hours without a probable cause hearing being conducted by the appropriate judicial authority.

(B) Adjudication hearings in dependent/neglect cases under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-247(3)(a) should be held within 90 days of filing of the petition, except in cases with exceptional complications, in which cases adjudication should be held within 180 days. Adjudication hearings in law violation cases should be held within 180 days of filing of the petition.

(C) A disposition hearing should be held within 60 days from the date of the adjudication hearing, unless good cause is shown.

(D) Review hearings for children in out-of-home placements should be held, on the record, every 6 months.

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